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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 JESSE G. COOPER, *et al.*,

11 v.  
12 Plaintiffs,

13 WHATCOM COUNTY, *et al.*,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-1684-JCC

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on the parties' stipulated motion for leave for  
16 Defendant PeaceHealth to amend its answer (Dkt. No. 58). Plaintiffs consent to the amendment,  
17 and it is proper under Rule 15. *See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2)* ("a party may amend its pleading . . .  
18 with the opposing party's consent"). "Once the adverse party has consented to the amendment of  
19 a pleading, the court has no control over the matter under Rule 15(a)." *Fern v. United States*,  
20 213 F.2d 674, 677 (9th Cir. 1954).

21 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the parties' stipulated motion. Defendant PeaceHealth  
22 must file the amended answer within 14 days of this order. The amended answer may not differ  
23 from the answer attached to the parties' motion at Docket Number 58.

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1 DATED this 27th day of January 2021.  
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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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